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All MAC, 240 of 257 SKAC nominations valid

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: The nomination papers filed by candidates for the ensuing General Elections to the Mising Autonomous Council (MAC) and Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council (SKAC), scheduled to be held on November 30, were scrutinised yesterday.

Out of a total of 163 nomination papers filed for the SKAC, 163 were accepted. Of these, 130 nomination papers have been declared valid. However, no candidate's nomination paper has been rejected.

Meanwhile, out of a total of 257 nomination papers filed for the MAC elections, 240 were accepted. Of these, 196 nomination papers have been declared valid, while one nomination paper has been rejected.

As per district-wise details, for the SKAC elections, 19 nomination papers in Dhemaji, 51 in Dibrugarh, 7 in Golaghat, 13 in Jorhat, 12 in Lakhimpur, 5 in Sivasagar and 23 in Tinsukia have been declared valid.

Similarly, for the MAC elections, 8 nomination papers in Biswanath, 67 in Dhemaji, 6 in Dibrugarh, 26 in Golaghat, 8 in Jorhat, 41 in Lakhimpur, 22 in Majuli, 8 in Sivasagar, 4 in Sonitpur and 6 in Tinsukia have been declared valid.

Vending zone plan fails to see light of the day

Guwahati footpath encroachments persist

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Guwahati continues to grapple with widespread footpath and road encroachments by street vendors despite repeated eviction drives and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation's (GMC) plans to establish designated vending zones.

Pedestrians across busy commercial areas are often forced to walk on roads to avoid roadside stalls, vending carts and parked vehicles. The absence of a sustainable street vending management system has allowed encroachments to return soon after eviction operations.

The GMC has acknowledged that its enforcement capacity remains limited. In November 2025, a senior official said the corporation had around 150 municipal officers, an insufficient number to monitor the sprawling city. The civic body had also recruited 60 additional personnel to strengthen enforcement.

However, the corporation admitted that eviction drives alone could not resolve the issue, as vendors often returned to busy locations after their carts were confiscated. It maintained that establishing suitable vending zones was essential to finding a lasting solution.

According to the GMC, a survey identified 7,182 street vendors. In 2024, the corporation notified 81 vending zones across 41 of Guwahati's 60 municipal wards, aiming to accommodate more than 6,000 vendors. These included 75 free-vending zones, three mobile-food vending zones, two time-vending zones and one fruit-vending zone.

The GMC had planned to make all 81 zones operational in 2025 and accommodate vendors in phases. However, reports in September 2026 indicated that the process remained incomplete. The corporation later said it had launched a fresh survey after identifying discrepancies in the earlier vendor count, while a shortage of suitable land continued to hamper implementation.

Although vending zones have reportedly been completed at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, Bhangagarh and Six Mile, the broader plan has yet to deliver the intended results across the city.

The All Assam Street Vendors Association has also raised concerns over whether the proposed vending spaces would offer vendors the same customer access and business opportunities as their existing roadside locations.

The GMC faces the twin challenge of reclaiming public spaces and providing vendors with viable alternatives. Until the designated zones become fully operational, Guwahati risks remaining caught in a cycle of eviction drives, temporary clearance and renewed encroachment, leaving pedestrians without accessible footpaths.

22 transgenders apprehended

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Guwahati Police on Friday apprehended 22 transgenders during a coordinated citywide operation launched following complaints of commuters being harassed at bus stands and traffic police points.

Joint Commissioner of Police Ankur Jain, IPS, shared details of the operation at a press conference, addressing the media alongside DCP (Central) Mrinal Deka. Jain said special teams led by the deputy commissioners of police of the city's three police districts conducted simultaneous operations. He added that the police strictly followed the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Home Affairs during the drive.

According to the figures shared by Jain, 12 persons were apprehended in the Central Police District, nine in the West Police District and one in the East Police District.

He said the operation followed multiple complaints from citizens in different parts of the city.

Police were verifying the identities of all 22 apprehended persons to establish whether they belonged to the transgender community or had allegedly been posing as transgender. Their backgrounds were also being checked to determine whether any had previous criminal records or pending cases.

National security calls for collective responsibility: Lt Gen Shukla

A CORRESPONDENT



AZARA, Nov 13: National security is not confined to safeguarding the country's borders but also depends on internal stability, social harmony and the collective participation of citizens, Lieutenant General Neeraj Shukla, AVSM, SM, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Gajraj Corps, said while delivering a special lecture at Gauhati University on Friday.

Speaking on the topic 'Understanding National Security with Special Reference to Northeast India', Lt Gen Shukla said national security was a shared responsibility and not the sole concern of the armed forces. He emphasised that every citizen had a role to play in building a peaceful, stable and prosperous nation.

Highlighting the importance of national unity and social cohesion, he said these were essential for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. He added that India's security should be viewed from a broader perspective encompassing not only military preparedness but also economic development, social harmony and collective responsibility.

Addressing the students, Lt Gen Shukla said patriotism was reflected not only in the sacrifices and commitment of armed forces personnel guarding the nation's borders but also in the everyday contributions of citizens towards nation-building. He urged the youth to take pride in India's identity, civilisational heritage and achievements, and contribute to the country's progress through discipline, dedication and a sense of responsibility.

Gauhati University Vice-Chancellor Prof Nani Gopal Mahanta, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the North-east's rich cultural and linguistic diversity and its integral role in India's national identity. He said the region's diverse communities, languages and traditions were bound together by a shared sense of belonging and national spirit. Referring to the Gauhati University anthem composed by Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika, Prof Mahanta said it reflected the region's diversity and the spirit of unity. He stressed that mutual respect, cultural understanding and social harmony were vital to strengthening national integration.

AIUDF expresses grief over Kaziranga road accident

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: The All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) has expressed grief over the accident involving a Traveller vehicle and a truck at Rongajan in Kaziranga on November 13. In a statement, AIUDF president and Binnakandi MLA Maulana Badruddin Ajmal described the accident as unfortunate and distressing.

Ajmal expressed grief over the deaths and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls. He also conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families. The AIUDF president wished those injured in the accident a speedy recovery.

Governor condoles Kaziranga road accident deaths

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya on Friday expressed grief over the road accident in Kaziranga that claimed several lives.

In a condolence message, the Governor extended his sympathies to the bereaved families and prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured. He also prayed for eternal peace for the deceased and strength for their families to bear the loss, a press release said.

Traffic plan for Chhath Puja announced

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: The Guwahati Traffic Police will enforce traffic restrictions and diversions from 11 am on November 15 to 11 am on November 16 in view of Chhath Puja.

Commercial goods vehicles and slow-moving vehicles, including handcarts, rickshaws and pony carts, will not be allowed on MG Road between Machkhowa Point and the High Court Chief Justice's residence, except vehicles used by devotees to carry puja materials. Only vehicles carrying devotees and puja materials will be allowed on the stretch.

City and ASTC buses from Khanapara towards Bharalumukh will use GS Road and AT Road instead of turning towards Panbazar through the Panbazar ROB. Buses from Jalukbari will be diverted from Machkhowa towards AT Road/HB Road. Heavy vehicles, including inter-district buses and red-coloured rural service buses from Jalukbari, will be diverted via NH-27.

Vehicles from Bharalumukh towards Panbazar and Chandmari will be diverted at Machkhowa towards HB Road or AT Road. Those proceeding towards Chandmari and Latasil via HB Road will turn left at NB Hall towards FC Road. Vehicles from Chandmari towards Panbazar, Bharalumukh and Jalukbari will be diverted at NB Hall towards HB Road.

Light vehicles from Uzanbazar and Latasil towards Bharalumukh will be diverted at Planetarium Point through Lamb Road, FC Road, Tayebulla Point, GNB Road and District Library before turning left at NB Hall.

Vehicles carrying devotees and puja materials from Bharalumukh will be allowed to park at Lachit Ghat, Lakhi Goli, Chamber Road, MS Road, SRCB Road and the market side of MG Road. At Sonaram Higher Secondary School Ghat, vehicles must be parked inside the school field.

Tengakhat oil tank farm fire: AITUC seeks high-level probe

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 13: The Assam State Committee of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) has demanded an independent, high-level inquiry into the fire at Oil India Limited's Intermediate Tank Farm at Tengakhat in Dibrugarh district on November 6, which killed six workers and critically injured another.

In a statement, AITUC state president Munin Mahanta and general secretary Ramen Das questioned Oil India's industrial safety arrangements, maintenance procedures and working conditions of contractual workers. It demanded a government-supervised inquiry, publication of the findings and legal and administrative action against officials and contractors found responsible for negligence or safety violations.

The union also sought adequate compensation for the families of the deceased and permanent employment in Oil India for one eligible member of each family. It urged the company to bear the injured worker's medical expenses until recovery and provide rehabilitation support. It also demanded timely payment of insurance benefits, compensation, wages, provident fund and other statutory entitlements.

AITUC called for comprehensive safety audits across Oil India's installations in Assam, adequate safety equipment, regular training, emergency rescue arrangements and healthcare facilities for permanent and contractual workers. It also sought stricter compliance with work permits and safety protocols during maintenance operations.

The union further demanded disclosure of Oil India's workforce details and records of industrial accidents over the past decade, along with a safety committee featuring workers' representatives. Citing the Baghjan blowout and other incidents, it called for permanent measures to prevent workplace accidents.

AITUC expressed dissatisfaction with what it described as the lack of an adequate response from the Centre and the Assam Government. It said its state committee had approached Oil India's Resident Chief Executive in Duliajan, while its central committee was in touch with the company's chairman and managing director.

The union warned of a nationwide agitation against Oil India if its demands were not addressed.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **07.09.2026** calling upon **Mrs. Raminder Kaur**, the Borrower to repay the amount as on NPA Date **29.08.2026** in the notice being **Rs. 21,92,273.03 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three and Three Paise only)** with further interest from the date of NPA at the contracted rates and other charges, costs, etc. until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **10th day of November of the year 2026.**

The borrower's /quarantor's /mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank, Branch Office : BO Beltola for an amount of **Rs. 21,92,273.03 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three and Three Paise only)** as on **29.08.2026** with further interest thereon from NPA date at the contracted rate and other charges, costs, etc., until payment in full including all the costs incurred during SARFAESI action.

Description of Immovable Property

Equitable mortgage of commercial property situated at Sarusajai, Kali Mandir Road, Near International School, Guwahati in the name of Mrs. Raminder Kaur of area of 5 Katha 19.9 Lecha with Patta No. 535 Dag no.239 which is bounded by :- North:- Bye Lane then International School, South:- Land of Major Singh & Others, East- Kali Mandir Road, West:- Land of Others

The above property is charged in the NPA Accounts of M/s Assam Meghalaya Road Service to secure the outstanding of **Rs. 9,00,40,087.58 (Nine Crore Forty Thousand eighty Seven and Fifty Eight paise Only)+ future interest / charges** etc. as per Demand Notice separately issued vide dt. 28.08.2026.

Date: 10.11.2026 — **Authorized Officer**
Place: Guwahati — **Punjab National Bank**

SBI

State Bank of India
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH, JORHAT
Na-Ali, M G Road, Jorhat, Opp. ASEB Building, PIN-785001 (Assam), Tel No : 0376-2300193 / 2300204

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Mortgaged to State Bank of India)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on " As is Where is", As is What is" and Whatever there is" on **23.12.2026** for recovery Rs. 58.46,585.00 as on 05.02.2025 + further Interest, cost, charges & other expenses etc thereon to the secured creditor from **M/s Arka**. The **reserve price will be Rs. 40,00,000.00** and the **Earnest Deposit will be Rs. 4,00,000.00**

Short Description of the Immovable Property

Property ID: SBIN78382991369

A plot of land measuring total area of 1 Katha 15 Lechas along with an Assam type Godown Building. Dag No 1465 Patta No 1094 situated at Bharalichuk No 2, Dhemaii, Dist- Dhemaji, Assam, India, Pin-787057. Boundary:- North: Road, South: Land of Phuleswar Bhuvan, East: Land of Niva Dutta, West: Land of Kirti Kamal Gogoi.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the secured Creditors website: **https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others** **https://baanknet.com/**

SBI Website	E Auction Website	Property Location	Photographs

Date: 13.11.2026 — **Authorised Officer**
Place: Jorhat — **State Bank of India, SARB Jorhat**

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Date: 13.11.2026
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable /Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) / Partner(s) / Proprietor(s) / Mortgagors(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable/movable property/assets mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Lot. No.	Name of the Branch / Name of the Account / Name & addresses of the Borrower/Guarantor Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies)	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) / B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD) / C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1	**Metro Branch (165920) now at ARMB Guwahati(823100)** M/s Medishine Pharmaceuticals PVT LTD 1.M/s Medishine Pharmaceuticals PVT LTD, H No 55, 2nd Floor, Bujar Barua Complex, Dr. B Barua Road, Guwahati, Dist- Kamrup(M), 781007, (Company/Borrower) 2. Mr. Luit Kumar Barman, H No 24, Kailashnagar, Sanghati Path, Bylane 2, Beltola, Guwahati, Dist-Kamrup(M), 781028, Assam (Director/Guarantor) 3. Dr. Bhaben Choudhury, S/o Lt. Upendranath Choudhury, Kharguli, Guwahati, Dist-Kamrup(M), 781004, Assam (Director/Guarantor) 4. Dr. Navanil Barua, Flat No. B8, Sushrita Hillside, Geetanagar, Guwahati, Dist-Kamrup(M), 781021, Assam, (Director/ Guarantor) 5. Mr. Sourav Dutta,(Director/Guarantor) C/o Pradip Kr Choudhury, H No 10, Abhay Bhawan, Bylane 8, Lachitnagar, Guwahati, Dist-Kamrup (M), 781007, Assam. 6. M/s Medishine Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Company/ Borrower), Flat No. 303, 3rd floor, Rajdhani Height, Banphool Path, Near Medicity, Guwahati, Dist-Kamrup(M), 781006, Assam	All that part and parcel of **Sale Deed No. 27072 dated 12.12.2022, Flat No 303,** 3rd floor namely 'Rajnandini Heights" situated at Banful Path, Banful Nagar, Guwahati 781006 measuring 1440 sq.ft along with undivided proportionate share of land and car parking space in total land measuring 2 katha 13 lechas covered by dag no 3286 of KP patta 2451 of revenue village Hatigaon, Mouza Beltola under revenue circle Guwahati, Dist Kamrup(M), Assam standing in the name of **Mr. Luit Kumar Barman** which is bounded by :- North - Apartment, South - Pvt. Passage, East - Land of Malakar, West - Road/Drain.	A) 09.01.2024 B) Rs. 36,35,825.00 as on 30.11.2023 plus further interest w.e.f. 01.12.2023 and other charges C) 02.04.2024 D) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 69,48,000.00 B) Rs. 6,94,800.00 (02.12. 2026 up to 4 P.M) C) Rs. 50,000.00	Date: 03.12.2026 Time: From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known to Bank

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE:

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions.

1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement, or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://www.baanknet.com on 03.12.2026 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM.
4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://www.baanknet.com.
5. The authorized officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-auction) not known to the bank. The intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues, etc.
6. The authorized officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or very the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspects the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.

Date: 13.11.2026, Place: Guwahati — **Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, Secured creditor**